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3019	Serial No.: 09/961,315		) Examiner: John Teresinski	
	Filed: September 25, 2001		)	
	For: Operating Device For Gas Discharge	Lamps	)	
	With Detection Of Filament Breakage	•	· )	
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## **AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, for which the shortened statutory period for response is set to expire three months after said date, please reconsider the above-entitled Application in view of the following amendment and remarks.